# **BEARFACTS** 1993 – 2003 **Baxter** , **Arkansas** [05005]

Baxter is one of 75 counties in Arkansas. It is part of the Mountain Home, AR Micropolitan SA. Its 2003 population of 38,970 ranked 18th in the state.

### PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2003 Baxter had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$23,944. This PCPI ranked 14th in the state and was 98 percent of the state average, \$24,440, and 76 percent of the national average, \$31,504. The 2003 PCPI reflected a decrease of 0.1 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 state change was 4.5 percent and the national change was 2.2 percent. In 1993 the PCPI of Baxter was \$17,417 and ranked 7th in the state. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.9 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

#### TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2003 Baxter had a total personal income (TPI) of \$933,111\*. This TPI ranked 18th in the state and accounted for 1.4 percent of the state total. In 1993 the TPI of Baxter was \$590,196\* and ranked 17th in the state. The 2003 TPI reflected an increase of 0.7 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 5.1 percent.

## COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Baxter. In 2003 net earnings accounted for 44.0 percent of TPI (compared with 43.3 in 1993); dividends, interest, and rent were 28.1 percent (compared with 31.7 in 1993); and personal current transfer receipts were 27.8 percent (compared with 25.0 in 1993). From 2002 to 2003 net earnings increased 3.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 6.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 4.4 percent. From 1993 to 2003 net earnings increased on average 4.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.8 percent.

#### EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Baxter increased from \$500,372\* in 2002 to \$516,949\* in 2003, an increase of 3.3 percent. The 2002-2003 state change was 6.7 percent and the national change was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1993 estimate of \$329,315\* to the 2003 estimate was 4.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 5.3 percent.

\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

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